

DRESS AND APPEARANCE STANDARDS **(pg. 13 of parent student handbook)**

As a Christian School we are concerned with our students heart attitudes as well as their outward adornment of hair, jewelry, and clothing. We desire for students to please and honor God with their attitude, adornment, demeanor, dress, fragrance, grooming, and appearance. Appearance for the academic day shall convey a sense of discipline, responsibility, and the seriousness of the thought and action of scholarship. The Administrator shall have the final authority in dress code decisions. Dress and appearance styles and standards are always changing and are often controversial. There are as many opinions about acceptable appearance as there are parents and students. The following biblical guidelines were used to guide the student appearance policy.

Moderation (Philippians 4:5, I Timothy 2:9-10) Avoid extremes in behavior and appearance so as to not draw attention toward us and away from Christ.

Jesus and Others (I Corinthians 10:31-33, Philippians 2:3-8, Romans 14:13-15:3) Honor Christ and be not a stumbling block to others who hold Christians to a high standard.

Brotherhood and Unity of Believers. (Psalm 133) As believers we should be unified and not be in competition or divided into cliques by clothing cost and style.

Example (I Timothy 4:12) Older students have a responsibility to be an example to the younger students.

Safety (Proverbs 3:21-23) Shoes and garments shall insure student safety in labs and in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Gender Difference (Genesis 1:27, Deuteronomy 22:5) Boys and girls shall be distinguished by their appearance.

Clean (Ecclesiastes 9:8) Students and their clothing shall be clean and have no offensive odor.

Inward Adornment (I Peter 3:3-4) Students shall be encouraged to develop an aura of purity, modesty, and sweetness, not a tempting or sensual appearance.

Timing (Ecclesiastes 3) Appropriate appearance for appropriate times and activities. Appearance for business (academics) shall convey a sense of discipline, responsibility, and the seriousness of the thought and action of scholarship. Appearance for recreation may convey relaxation. Clothes for competitions should be appropriate and convey unity, resolve, and discipline.

Submission and Be Clothed with Humility (Romans 13:1-4, James 4:7, I Peter 2:13, 5:5) Students shall be encouraged to submit to their overseers who God holds accountable.

Appeal (Matthew 18:15-17) Students and or parents who believe that dress or enforcement expectations have not been appropriate may follow the Scripture model of resolving differences beginning with the staff member who made the decision.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Hair/hats

- Hair is to be clean, neatly trimmed, and well groomed.
- Hats may be worn in the building only upon entering or exiting the building.
- Exceptions may be on designated days by the Administrator.

Footwear

- Shoes must provide safety for playgrounds, labs, and emergency evacuation.

Clothing

- Students are not to wear overcoats during the school day, unless with administrator approval.
- Clothing shall be neat, clean, in excellent repair, not torn, tattered, or with holes.
- Playwear, athletic wear (as shorts and sweat pants), and pajamas are not appropriate for the outer layer of clothing in the classroom.
- Clothing over legs shall extend to the top of the knees when standing and if leggings are worn the top must come to mid-thigh (Exception: shorts worn during PE class only). Girls playing on the playground wearing skirts or dresses shall wear shorts underneath. Girls shall wear clothes that distinguish them as girls and boys shall wear clothes that distinguish them as boys.
- Shirts or tops shall be long enough that the midriff is not exposed when bending over or when the arms are extended over the head. Shirt tops shall have sleeves, must not be revealing, showing no cleavage. Shirts made of sheer or see-through fabric shall have a tank top, cami, or shirt worn underneath the garment.
- Small emblems, trademarks, logos, writing, graphics, slogans, or sayings may be worn as long as they are not promoting or associated with causes, products, organizations, media, or movements contrary to biblical values or deemed inappropriate by the Administrator.

Chapel Clothing:

- The standard dress code will apply to chapel days.

Physical Education Clothing (grades 6-8)

- Clothes worn for physical education must meet school standards of modesty and respect. Athletic shoes, t-shirts, sweatshirts, athletic shorts (mid-thigh), athletic capris, or athletic

pants/sweatpants may be worn. The physical education teacher will instruct the students about additional dress requirements.

Tattoos, Piercing, Jewelry, Make-up

- Students shall not have visible tattoos.
- Boys may not wear facial jewelry or have any visible pierce jewelry.
- Girls may only have visible pierce jewelry on their ears.
- No jewelry contrary to biblical values shall be worn.

The administrator and teachers may allow for differences in dressing expectations of students in the primary grades (K4 through grade 3) and for designated days and events.

ENFORCEMENT

The student will be spoken with privately and parental contact will be made to bring a change of clothes that meets the dress standards.